

JEFFERSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
ARTURO GONZÁLEZ Music Director & Principal Conductor



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Jefferson Symphony Orchestra Welcomes New Music Director Arturo González

GOLDEN, CO — The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra (JSO) is thrilled to announce that Arturo González will be its new Music Director. This announcement concludes a yearlong search during which the Orchestra invited three candidates for the position to its conductor's podium during the 2022-23 season. González will begin his term with JSO at the outset of its 2023-2024 season and his first performance is planned for October 2023 at the Season Opening Concert.

JSO Board Chair Jim Everson issued the following: "The Jefferson Symphony Association and the JSO Conductor Search Committee are pleased to announce that Dr. J. Arturo González has accepted the position of Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra. He will begin his duties immediately, and we look forward to working with him as we plan for our 2023-2024 concert season. Please join in welcoming him as our new conductor."

As the fourth Music Director in the Symphony's history, Arturo González succeeds William Morse, Antonia Joy Wilson, and JSO founder T. Gordon Parks. His appointment brings a new milestone for the Symphony, and he stated: "The Jefferson Symphony is a 70-year-old organization. I have such huge shoes to fill, and I take this position with great humility and respect for the people that came before me and for the tremendous musicians that form JSO."

As the Principal Conductor, Arturo González will oversee the artistic direction of the orchestra, shaping its musical identity and expanding its reach to Front Range and Colorado audiences. In addition to his new role, González also leads the Flatirons Community Orchestra. He has held guest conducting positions with symphony ensembles in Mexico, Costa Rica, and Spain.

González further stated: "I firmly believe that a modern orchestra is a team. Let the magic, heart, and great musicianship of JSO continue for many, many years to come."

About Arturo González:

Dr. J. Arturo González is the Music Director of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, and also leads the Flatirons Community Orchestra in Colorado. He has been the Music Director of the El Paso Association for the Performing Arts, Ballet & Theater of the Border, East Central Summer Productions, Midwest Lyric Opera, and the Colorado Light Opera.

González has also conducted more than 20 concerts with the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico and the National Youth Orchestra of Mexico, along with many other orchestras. Around the world, he has guest-conducted the Central American Youth Orchestra in El Salvador, the National Youth Orchestra of Costa Rica, and the Symphony Orchestra of Ávila in Spain.

Dr. González received his DMA from the University of Colorado–Boulder, his Master’s degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and his Bachelor’s degree from the National Conservatory of Music in Mexico City, the city of his birth. Future engagements include conducting appointments with the National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba, the National Symphony Orchestra of the Dominican Republic, the Symphony Orchestra of the Congress of Paraguay, the Opera of Medellín in Colombia, and the Opera of the Academy in Portugal.

About Jefferson Symphony Orchestra:

Now celebrating its 71st season, the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra performs music that thousands of people in and around Jefferson County have enjoyed for decades. Jefferson Symphony is a community orchestra, comprised of volunteer musicians from Jeffco and neighboring areas. The JSO programs concerts at the Green Center on the Colorado School of Mines campus in Golden, outdoors at community parks of Jefferson County, and at chamber music venues and churches in the region.

As part of its mission to enrich lives through music, the JSO programs five symphonic concerts and four chamber music or guest artist recitals each season. Jefferson Symphony is also known for its Young Artists Competition where rising solo musicians gather for a live concerto competition and awards including cash prizes and solo performance opportunities with the JSO.

Jefferson Symphony and Arturo González: 2023-2024 engagements

- September 14, 2023 — JSO Gala Fundraiser/Dinner featuring Masakazu Ito, guitar and welcoming Arturo Gonzalez as the new JSO Music Director/Conductor
- October 15, 2023 — Season 71 Opening Concert
- December 10, 2023 — Holiday Concert
- February 4, 2024 — Winter Concert
- April 7, 2024 — Young Artist Concert
- May 19, 2024 — Season 71 Finale Concert

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